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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Access to competitive providers is the only way to deal with built in market barriers that are a result of the evolution of our information technology. If ATT and others can prevent fiber deployment by other services they can restore the monopoly that they once enjoyed at the expense of consumers and distribution of new technology.

I enjoy a fiber option in Kensington California because Sonic can build their own network. My choices in Houston Texas where I have a business are limited to internet by COMCAST because they hold the city wide franchise from the old cable tv days. Service is adequate but customer service is so poor as to be impossible.

Broadband is critical to my home and business and to my grandchildren's education. We are fortunate that we can afford high speed internet but for those who are challenged with the cost of current alternatives a fiber option can be the difference between a bright future and being stuck without opportunity.

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